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## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 10-23 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 5 as follows:

- (Currently amended) A bioassay plate <u>comprising a support</u> having silver ions immobilized thereon <u>wherein said plate is substantially transparent</u>.
  - 2. (Original) The bioassay plate of Claim 1 wherein said plate is a polystyrene plate.
  - 3. (Original) The bioassay plate of Claim 2 wherein said plate is a multi-well plate.
  - 4. (Original) The bioassay plate of Claim 2 wherein said plate is a 96-well microplate.
- 5. (Currently amended) A multi-well bioassay plate comprising a support having silver ions immobilized thereon wherein said plate is substantially transparent, and wherein said plate is made by a method comprising:
- (a) functionalizing a multi-well bioassay plate to provide an amine-containing bioassay plate;
- (b) adding a polymerized glutaraldehyde to the wells of said plate and maintaining for a time and under conditions to provide a glutaraldehyde-activated bioassay plate;
  - (c) rinsing said plate with an aqueous solution;
- (d) adding thiourea to the wells of said plate and maintaining for a time and under conditions whereby the thiourea reacts with the glutaraldehyde moiety of said glutaraldehyde activated bioassay plate;

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